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SUBJECT: IV NOMINATION FOR TRANSITIONAL QUARTER

REF: BRASILIA 5849, STATE 172260

EMBASSY NOW NOMINATES MS. ANNA CANDIDA DA CUNHA FERRAZ
FOR REGULAR IV GRANT SCINCE HER ENGLISH IS NOT UP TO
SEMINAR LEVEL.

1. NAME - ANNA CANDIDA DA CUNHA FERRAZ

2. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS
PRESENT - ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF SAO PAULO.
PROFESSOR OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND PUBLIC LIBERTIES
AT THE LAW SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO.
PAST - HEAD OF THE LEGAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
COMMITTEE FOR THE COORDINATING OFFICE OF HIGHER
EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF SAO PAULO (1968-71).
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF
TECHNOLOGY OF THE SAO PAULO STATE DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMICS AND PLANNING (1971-73). LEGAL CONSULTANT
FOR THE STATE OF SAO PAULO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
(1973-75).

3. PERSONAL DATA
PDOB - SAO PAULO, APRIL 23, 1934
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CITIZENSHIP - BRAZILIAN

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4. TRAVELS ABROAD
1973, U.S. AS A TOURIST.
ENGLAND -ON OFFICIAL MISSION FOR THE STATE OF SAO PAULO TO SIGN A LOAN CONTRACT WITH THE MANUFACTURERS LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY AND OTHER FOREIGN BANKS.

5. PREVIOUS USG GRANT NONE.

6. ESCORT SERVICES - WILL NEED AN ESCORT-INTERPRETER.

7. VISA ELIGIBILITY - CLEARED.

8. REASON FOR NOMINATION - MS. FERRAZ IS THE FIRST WOMAN EVER IN THE HISTORY OF SAO PAULO TO HOLD THE IMPORTANT POSITION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN OUTSTANDING EXPERT AND PROFESSOR IN THE FIELD OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. SHE TEACHES PUBLIC LIBERTIES AND BRAZILIAN PROBLEMS AT THE LAW SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO AND WROTE A MASTER'S THESIS ON THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM. DR. FERRAZ IS ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE, INVOLVED IN SPECIAL PROJECTS SUCH AS PROMOTING GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF WOMEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE. IN THE LAST TEN YEARS SHE HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN BRAZILIAN EDUCATIONAL REFORM; PARTICIPATING IN SPECIAL COMMISSIONS IN CHARGE OF REMODELING AND IMPLEMENTING CHANGES IN THE PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL STATE SYSTEM IN PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND UNIVERISTY LEVELS. SHE PROVIDED LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR OVER EIGHT YEARS IN SETTING UP THE AMERICAN EQUIVALENT IN BRAZIL OF THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGE SYSTEM. SHE IS WIDELY RESPECTED FOR HER SERIOUS AND OBJECTIVE PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT AND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PUBLIC WELFARE AND IS A STRONG CANDIDATE IN THE STATE POLITICAL SCENE FOR EVEN HIGHER PUBLIC OFFICE.

9. POST OBJECTIVES OF U.S. VISIT
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DR. FERRAZ, BESIDES BEING ONE OF A FEW WOMEN COUNTRY-WIDE IN SUCH AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC POSITION, HAS THE POTENTIAL OF BECOMING A POLITICAL LEADER THROUGH HER ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC ISSUES, SUCH AS EDUCATION AND GREATE POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS. HER OBJECTIVENESS AD SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO THER WORK, AS WELL AS HER IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF THE FIELD OF EXPERTISE, HAVE GAINED FOR HER WIDE RESPECT ON THE PART OF HER COLLEAGUES AND THE NUMEROUS STATE ATTORNEYS WORKING UNDER HER SUPERVISION. SHE HAS

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WRITTEN AND SPOKEN WIDELY ABOUT THE AMERICAN CONSITUTIONAL SYSTEM, AND EXPOSURE AT THIS TIME TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENTAL. EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS WOULD HELP BROADEN HER PERSPECTIVES AND INSURE A CONTINUED PLACE FOR AMERICAN THOUGHT AND PARTICIPATION AT THE LAW SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO AND IN THE PUBLIC LIFE OF SAO PAULO.

10. TRAVEL DATA
CANDIDATE PROPOSES ARRIVE NYC ON SEPTEMBER 21 VIA PAA 202 AT 7:25 AM. PROCEEDS TO WAHINGTON SAME DAY VIA NA 493 ARRIVING NATIONAL AT 10:13 AM.

11. ADVISE WITH INFO SAO PAULO.
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